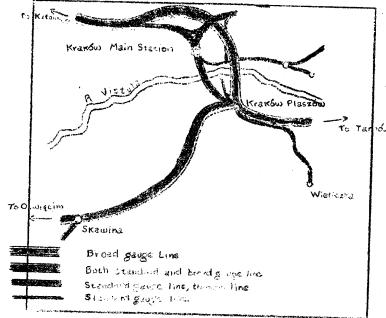


Work has not yet been started at any point on the Gliwice-Katowice-Karakow-Przemysl-Lvov railway line (the only broad-guage line left in Poland), although detailed plans and labor schedules are ready for its reconversion to standard gauge. (The work is scheduled for completion by 15 November 1947).

Sketch shows how broad gauge line by-passes the Krakow main station.



2. Information has reached the PKP (Polish State Railway) head office in Warsaw that the railway lines running through East Prussia, which had been converted to broad gauge, have now been reconverted to standard, and that standard gauge lines exist as far as Leningrad. The general management of the PKP are of the opinion that this step was taken in order to facilitate the evacuation of European rolling stock into the interior of USSR.

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- 3. The Lublin-Kovel line is normal gauge as far as Kovel (51°17°N, 24°42°E). Unconfirmed reports state that a parallel normal gauge line now runs as far east as Kiev.
- 4. Broad gauge lines on Polish territory are not constructed by the addition of a third rail except at certain intersection points and bridges where both the broad and standard lines meet. This is rarticularly true of Krakow junction where the third rail method is used extensively. In such cases a rail with a special base is used.
- 5. There is a Soviet control center at the traffic department of the Krakow railway directorate. Only Russians are employed at this center, and only a few of them wear uniform.

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